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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairs of House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs of Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

FROM: B. W. Collier, Acting SBI Director

RE: SBI /ALE Merger Status Update

Pursuant to Senate Bill 744, the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) have begun the merging of facilities and completed the closing of all ALE district offices with the exception of the facility located in Asheville, North Carolina. The ALE personnel from the closed offices have been merged into SBI district offices statewide and these agencies have begun sharing resources and equipment.

At the time of the transfer, the SBI Western District Office located in Asheville, North Carolina was in the process of finding a new facility in lieu of the expansion of the NC Crime Laboratory. In short, a planned new facility that will house both SBI/ALE has been developed and the estimated completion time for this facility will be twelve to fourteen months. These delays are mainly due to the securing bids and anticipated construction time which may further extend the move-in deadline.

The SBI is in the process of relocating the North Carolina Fusion Center to the SBI Headquarters campus and combining it with the SBI Criminal Intelligence Unit, with an estimated completion date of March 1, 2015. SBI IT Personnel will be moved to other DPS facilities to accommodate this transition.

ALE Management and Administration has begun preparations to move to the SBI Headquarters, with estimated completion date of March 1, 2015.

SBI/ALE has begun the integration of the vehicle tracking system and merger with DPS SAP system which should be complete within (60) sixty days.

The SBI Career Services Section and DPS Human Resources Section have established working protocols to facilitate agency personnel matters and the implementation of standard operating procedures should be completed in the near future.

SBI Logistics, SBI Financial Services and SBI Information Technology are continuing to work with DPS to formalize standard operating procedures.

SBI/ALE has merged their Training Academy, completing the first SBI/ALE joint Special Agent Academy, graduating on December 5, 2014.

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